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SUBJ: ESSENTIAL OIL SWINDLE

1. THE MINISTRY OF TRADE ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT THE EXPORTER, P.T. FARMAPORT, HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF "SWINDLE" IN THE DEFECTIVE SHIPMENT OF ESSENTIAL OILS REPORTED REFTELS. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY, THE EXPORTER OBTAINED CERTIFICATES OF QUALITY FROM THE BOGOR LABORATORY ON SAMPLES THAT WERE NOT TAKEN FROM THE GOODS ACTUALLY EXPORTED. FARMAPORT'S EXPORT LICENCE HAS BEEN LIMITED TO ALLOW IT TO EXPORT TO ONLY THE INJURED PARTIES IN ORDER TO MAKE RESTITUTION TO THEM. DRS. IBRAHIM, DIRECTOR OF EXPORTS, TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT CASE HAD BEEN REFERRED TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTION.

2. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTRY IS WORKING ON NEW PROCEDURES THAT WILL TIGHTEN QUALITY CONTROL ON ESSENTIAL OIL EXPORTS. THEY WILL INCLUDES THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRM TO ACT AS A SURVEYOR.
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